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FM AMEMBASSY CAPE TOWN
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7219
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: INFORMING SAG OF CONTACT GROUP MEETING WITH SWAPO

REF: (A) USUN 1769, (B) STATE 112347,

FOLLOWING IS AGREED SCOTT-NELSON REPORT ON THEIR BRIEF
MEETING WITH FOURIE THIS AFTERNOON, MAY 3, CONCERNING THE
CONTACT GROUP MEETING WITH SWAPO:

1. FOLLOWING A TELEPHONE ENQUIRY FROM FOURIE THIS MORNING
BASED ON A REPORT FROM EKSTEEN IN NEW YORK THAT WE WERE
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LIKELY TO HAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIM, THE BRITISH
AMBASSADOR AND US CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE
CALLED ON FOURIE AT 1500 HOURS THIS AFTERNOON AND MADE THE
TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL (A).

2. FROM FOURIE'S REACTION IT APPEARED THAT HE HAD ALREADY
RECEIVED THE MESSAGE FROM EKSTEEN AND HE DID NOT RAISE THE

QUESTION OF "ASSOCIATED ISSUES". NELSON AND SCOTT WERE SOME-
WHAT RELIEVED THAT HE DID NOT DO SO SINCE THEY WOULD NOT
HAVE KNOWN WHAT WAS IMPLIED IN THE PHRASE "ACTION IN THE
SECURITY COUNCIL". FOURIE JUST SAID THAT HE HAD UNDER-
STOOD THAT THE FIVE INTENDED TO PUT THEIR PROPOSAL TO THE
SECURITY COUNCIL WHETHER OR NOT THE PARTIES CONCERNED ACCEPTED
IT. HE VERY MUCH HOPED THAT WE WOULD NOT DELAY SUBMISSION
OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL. UNLESS ACTION
WAS TAKEN QUICKLY, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WOULD BE
UNDER INCREASING PRESSURE TO GO AHEAD THEMSELVES. WE
SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH WE COULD NOT COMMIT OUR GOVERNMENTS,
OUR UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT THE ACTION IN THE SECURITY
COUNCIL WOULD GO AHEAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IT WAS
CLEARLY BETTER TO HAVE SWAPO COMMITTED IN ADVANCE.
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